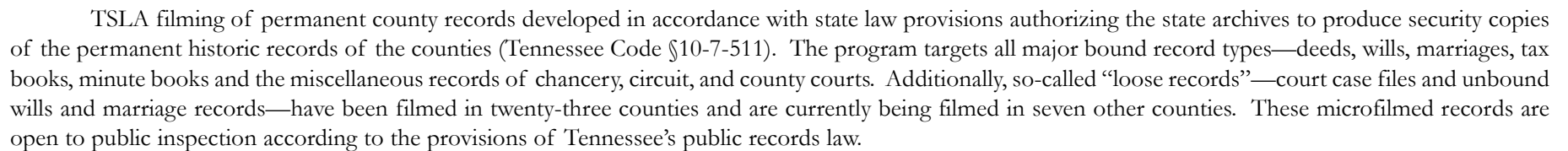


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TSLA has filmed the bound permanent-value records of all but a handful of Tennessee counties through 1986; twenty counties have been microfilmed through 1999. Counties are in various stages of microfilming according to the current projects of the Local Records Program (see map). Larger metropolitan counties (Shelby, Hamilton, and Knox) have their own preservation microfilming programs, and six other counties have partial preservation programs—usually in the register of deeds office.



At present, 38,136 reels of microfilm of county records have been filmed through the preservation microfilm program and stored at TSLA. An additional 13,404 reels of county-generated records film are maintained in the state archives' vault. At least one set of the microfilmed county records is given free of charge to the main county library or archives, and the Tennessee State Library & Archives keeps another set available for public inspection. TSLA also stores the negative version of these records and makes positive copies available to the public for a fee.